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TO: Honorable Dianne White Delisi, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2827 by Taylor (Relating to rules regarding anaphylaxis treatment provided by emergency medical services personnel.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code to remove the requirement that emergency medical services (EMS) personnel must be certified as an emergency medical technician or higher to be authorized to carry and administer an epinephrine auto-injector device. Instead, provisions of the bill would stipulate that a licensed physician acting as a medical director for the EMS may restrict the use and administration of such devices to certain EMS personnel.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code to require the Texas Board of Health, when adopting minimum standards for emergency medical services that an EMS vehicle be equipped with an epinephrine auto-injector or similar device to treat anaphylaxis and that EMS personnel complete continuing education training in the administration of anaphylaxis treatment.

The bill would take effect immediately if it were to receive the required two-thirds vote in each house; otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2007.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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